(b) Does not arise.

(c) The norms and guidelines for transferring the selected formulation technology to the pesticides industry would be considered by the Technical Committee of the Institute of Pesticides Formulation Technology in its next meeting.

(d) and (e) The institute has identified equipments required for scaling up of bench scale technology and is in the process of equipping its pilot plant. Based on the success of pilot plant trials, the question of commercial production and the requirement of equipment thereof would be considered.

Withdrawal of duty free import privileges on Indian drugs by U.S.A.

1941. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the Ist May, 1992 captioned "Indian drugs to invite duty in America";

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for depriving India of duty-free import privileges extended under the G.S.P. (Generalised System of Preferences);

(c) what is the likely affect of the reported 5 percent duty in terms of total loss to the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry during 1992-93 in its exports to the US. as compared to earlier exports privileges enjoyed in 1991-92; and

(d) what appropriate steps Government of India have taken till to-date with the U.S. Administration in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The required information to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Misutilization of raw material required for bulk drug production

1942. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs have certain cases of misutilization of raw-material required for the products of Bulk Drugs based on the finding of their cost Audit Reports;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies and names of the raw materials in each case;

(c) whether it is a fact that it involves crores of rupees in each case;

(d) what is the extent of foreign exchange involved in each case;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the country has lost foreign exchange due to exemption of custom duty; and

(f) if so, what action has been taken in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) To the extent information available the Department of Company Affairs has noticed the following cases of misutilisation of raw materials|intermediates during the review of cost audit report during the year 1991-92.

Name of the Company	Drugh involved
1. M|s Lupin Labs Ltd.,	Ethambutol, Rimfampioin, Cephalexin.
2. M|s. Sandoz India Ltd.,	Thiamulin, Sulphamethoxazole Clopamide, Lactobionate
3. M|s E. Merck India Ltd.,	Vitamin 'E'